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Looking around

Citizens react

Two Lawrence people are trying to form a taxpayers group which would monitor local government and insert itself into various public issues.

The two, Mrs. Jan Rosinski, 85 Salem St., and Philip Jewett, 5 Martha St., are seeking people who share the view that the city needs the sort of organization they have proposed.

Said Mrs. Rosinski: "The politicians don't listen to individual citizens, but they do listen to groups. They know there is strength

John and Don

As talk grows stronger that Mayor John Buckley plans to name a public housing tenant to the Lawrence Housing Authority at his first opportunity. Donald Kiley, an LHA member and one of Buckley's most vocal critics, has volunteered to make things easier for the mayor.

"If the mayor will replace me with a public housing resident, then I won't seek reappointment when my LHA term expires, which will spare the mayor the anguish of having to decide whether to reappoint me," says Kiley, his tongue surely on the verge of tearing a hole in his cheek.

Kiley's term expires in June and, judging from the bitterness between him and Buckley, there's absolutely no chance that the mayor would reappoint him

Foul called

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will examine a Lawrence Redevelopment Authority decision to award an urban renewal contract to a firm whose bid was \$3501 higher than the low bidder.

John Burke, LRA assistant director, said this week that while the examination represents a routine measure, it could lead to an overturning of the LRA action.

At issue is the LRA's Nov. 20 decision to reject Framingham Building and Wrecking Co. of Framingham's low bid of \$64,489 for the demolition of 38 buildings in the Graden Union Allen Streets urban renewal project and to award the contract to Jay-Mor Construction Co. of Pelham, which bid \$67,990.

Burke said he recommended rejection of the Framingham firm's bid because its bid was accompanied by a deposit check of \$6500 rather than \$10,000 as the LRA requested.

Burke conceded that the LRA could have awarded the contract to the low bidder, subject to the low bidder submitting a \$10,000 deposit check. But Burke said he felt the LRA had acted properly.

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in numbers. That's why we're trying to form this group — so that we'll be heard by the politicians."

Mrs. Rosinski said the group would concern itself with such matters as municipal spending, the question of whether to build a new high school, the implementation of a cable television system in Lawrence, and urban renewal projects.

"We'd also get involved in any hassle that arose, like the hassle last year over whether to build a housing project in the Arlington District," said Mrs. Rosinski.

The idea for the group was contained in a letter written by Jewett and published in last week's Journal.

Only blue

"The only color the union recognizes is blue."

That's how Angelo Alaimo, Methuen police union president, reacted this week to the appointment of the town's first black police officer.

Last week, the Journal revealed that before Kevin Waithe, a 22-year-old black, was appointed to the police department, he charged that two white officers of the town harassed him with racial slurs.

Alaimo declined comment on Waithe's charges, saying: "We simply want to welcome Kevin Waithe and two other officers, Jack Danahy and Joe Harb, to the force. We are glad all three of them are now with us."

Town Administrator Dana Miller and Police Chief Francis Morse told the Journal last week that an investigation of Waithe's charges was inconclusive.

At odds

Three Lawrence Redevelopment Authority members are at odds with the authority's director and assistant director.

The beef occurred last week when members William Toye, Ann Ogden and Ralph Wolfendale blitzed a recommendation from Director Thomas Walsh and Assistant Director John Burke.

Walsh and Burke recommended that the authority lay off a relocation officer, a relocation technician and a bookkeeper in a plan approved by the U.S. Department and Housing and Urban Development and aimed at complying with a HUD order to cut payroll costs.

Said Toye: "We don't have to listen to your recommendations."

And Toye, Mrs. Ogden and Wolfendale didn't listen. The trio, over opposition from John Hart and John Callahan, voted to lay off three clerical employees, including Walsh's secretary.

Walsh's response: "You can say I'm very disappointed with the situation."

Ripping off

Eighth grade classes at Andover's East Junior High School recently took a field trip to Strawberry Bank in Portsmouth, N.H. and got a bad name for themselves.

(Strawberry Bank is the old name for Portsmouth and has become a Sturbridge-like village for tourists and students.)

The trip there by the Andover students was considered a success until it was learned that some students had "ripped off" about \$200 worth of goods from Strawberry Bank's general store and gift shop.

Teachers are dismayed over the thefts, and so are the eighth graders who did not participate in the shoplifting.

The incident has jeopardized future field trips for the classes.

Downtown Andover merchants have long complained that junior high school students are the most troublesome among young shoplifters.

Bookies

A pair of hoods from East Boston hit Lawrence a couple of weeks back, noisily announcing plans to shake down some local bookies.

The duo blew town a few days later. The bookies, it seems, had done what they usually do when shakedown artists take aim on them—they made the situation known to Lawrence police, who, in turn, put the heat on the hoodlums.

What enticed the East Boston boys here was the bragging of other Boston area wise guys who, several months ago, took some \$5000 off a Lawrence loan shark and then went around telling people that Lawrence was "a piece of cake."

The East Boston hoods are of another opinion.

"Lawrence isn't real," one of them told a Lawrence gambler-type. "There can't be anyplace else where bookies run to the cops when somebody goes for their dough. This is a rat town."

Bidding

The organizer of Lawrence's aborted "Impeach Nixon" Rally came into the Journal office this week and said the Eagle-Tribune refused to print the notice of the rally, but then made a page one story out of it when no one showed up for it.

Fourteen year-old James Thompson, an honors freshman at Lawrence High School, said the Tribune told him it never received his notice of the rally, but sent a reporter equipped with a camera to the event.

Thompson is a member of the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts Impeach Nixon Committee.

He said it was "grossly unfair of the Tribune" to ignore the notice of the rally, and then capitalize on the fact that no one knew about it.

If anyone kidnaps me, I hope they don't ask J. Paul Getty for the ransom money.

Look at it this way. If you weren't getting older, you'd be dead.

BELL RINGER, Page 11

Propaganda shows like "The FBI" live forever. The agents portrayed on the program are shining knights who never do wrong, not one bad boy among them, and they fire their revolvers only when they have to, and never miss, but they never kill either. They merely wound. The program is pure crap, and popular as hell.

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Methuen Mall . . . 35 stores, more coming. (DANA CAHOON PHOTO)

Battle of the buck

Methuen Mall flexes its muscles, and downtown and others flinch

By ANDREW COBURN

Excuse the messy metaphor, but one hell of a heavyweight is flexing its muscles for the biggest money battle this area has known.

Already underway with the ringing of registers on land that used to be Mann's apple orchard, the battle is between one and many — the Methuen Mall versus every other shopping scene (particularly plazas) from here to Newburyport.

The Mall still needs to put on weight, but already is doing damage in downtown Lawrence and along Route 28 in Salem, N.H.

Only in partial operation with some 35 stores and at least 40 more to come, the Mall will be the biggest of its kind in this end of the Valley. It will be mammoth, and it will be regional, from Lowell to Newburyport. And it is situated perfectly off Route 495.

It will have an immediate (and perhaps devastating) effect on small nearly shopping plazas such as Westgate in Haverhill, and it will touch the core of communities whose downtown districts have little to offer as it is, Haverhill in particular.

Its full affect is not expected to be felt until this time next year when the Mall, if all goes according to plan, will have 75 stores — one huge consumer circus with something for everybody.

According to a survey reported in the Eagle-Tribune, the Mall is no problem to downtown Lawrence. According to the survey, major downtown merchants have increased sales this month and last from 5 to 40 percent, compared to a like period last year.

What the report fails to mention, however, is that most of those major merchants (10 were surveyed, such as Kaps, Gentry's and Macartney's) are not yet competing with the Mall, because big-name men's stores, like Kennedy's, have not opened in the Mall yet.

The report also does not consider that downtown Lawrence contains a total of nearly 100 businesses, many of them small. An undetermined number of them have been affected by the Mall. Either their growth has not been as large as expected, or sales in some cases have slipped.

Lawrence officials and downtown merchants knew years ago that the Mall was coming, and they knew all too well the Mall would be mammoth, and the competition keen enough to cut their throats if they weren't careful.

They knew, too, the advantages the Mall would have over downtown:

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Huge stores like Sears and Howland's, with all the latest gimmicks, advertising money, and promotional fanfare to draw crowds from far and wide, if only out of curiosity at first, including those usually dutiful to downtown.

James Ellis, director of the Greater Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, says that while he believes the Mall's effect on shopping plazas will be noticeable he does not think downtown Lawrence will suffer that much.

He says that most of the downtown stores are individually owned (as opposed to out-of-state corporate ownership) and have their regular and faithful clientele.

Ellis says he knows of many downtown stores that, in order to meet the threat of the Mall, have "significantly increased their advertising spending and customer service." He says he knows of some store-owners who make personal telephone calls to customers to better serve them.

Lawrence City Planner Harry Weinroth also feels the Mall will have more of an effect on shopping plazas than on downtown Lawrence.

At the same time, Weinroth feels that downtown needs much improvement, such as more restaurants, more offices, more people living downtown, more life, more entertainment, more theaters.

Weinroth thinks another downtown parking garage should be built by the city. He says the present garage was never expected to pay for itself or make money until a second or perhaps a third parking garage was built. The first garage, he said, was expected to be "a loss leader."

The improvements needed to make downtown competitive have been discussed for the past 10 or 12 years when shopping centers first began to seriously drain away downtown business.

Downtown is a strip of traffic congestion, but downtown merchants could never get together (no unity among them, too many individual motives) to implement two additional cut-through streets to Essex Street for easier access and to coordinate traffic patterns for easier car travel.

Lawrence officials and merchants still can't get together about the parking meter problem. Should the meters be removed, or should the time limit be reduced for quick curb-service parking? Those involved can't agree on either measure; so nothing is done, even though the present meter system is considered detrimental to business.

Downtown plays up its specialty stores and in publicity uses them as weapons against the Mall, even though downtown officials know the Mall in time will have specialty stores, and many more than downtown.

Downtown played up its own shopping mall at the parking garage until it was learned that city bureaucrats would not have the mall ready for Christmas shopping. Lousy execution of a good idea.

Downtown has a canal running parallel with Essex Street. Years and years ago, it was pointed out that the canal could be beautified, lined with trees and cafes and shops, and become a vital part of downtown. But the plan required imagination and money, and no one could come up with either.

It was well known that Sears would eventually abandon downtown for the Mall and that it would have to be replaced with an operation just as big. It has not been replaced, even though merchants and officials knew that what Essex Street needed was not more small stores, but big ones that draw shoppers and bring business for smaller stores, as Sears and Howland's are doing at the Methuen Mall.

Because of its problems and maybe because of its politics, Lawrence has a terrible time enticing new stores to downtown. Planner Weinroth points out that not so long ago Friendly Ice Cream wanted to start an operation on Broadway, but Friendly officials took one look at the abandoned moviehouses of what used to be Broadway's theater row and said, "We don't want that!"

Downtown no longer has the population it had when tenement districts bordered on it. Some 415 families were driven out by urban renewal more than a decade ago. High-rise apartment houses for the downtown area have not yet materialized.

Route 28 in Salem, N.H., has also been plagued with problems that put it at a disadvantage with the Methuen Mall.

Route 28, first because of no planning and then because of poor planning, became a sizzling strip of neon and a motorist's nightmare.

Merchants and town officials there can't get together to solve the most striking problems. There is talk about construction of a parallel road to Route 28 to relieve the congestion, but no action.

There is also talk about a center barrier with only certain places where motorists can cut across the highway. But there has been no action on that either.

In the meantime, competition along the strip is keen, with giant stores like Fields and K-Mart and Bradlee's all going after the same consumer dollar. Now those giants have the Methuen Mall to contend with.

The Methuen Mall, however, does not have clear sailing.

For one thing the country's economy may hurt every retail store in the area.

The Mall will need to accommodate massive consumer spending to become and remain grandiose, and at the moment the energy crisis seems likely to cause a recession. Some economists say it will be a depression. And if that happens, dollars become dimes, and the Mall could be in serious trouble.

By the same token, the energy crisis has killed the glamor of car travel, and downtown Lawrence may benefit by that. Lawrence has 20,000 people to the square mile, and downtown is conveniently right in the middle.

The energy crisis may help the small shopping plazas situated where residential growth has been strong.

At the same time, however, with a shrinking economy, only strong shopping sites will endure. The corporate headquarters of Grant stores, for instance, reportedly is planning to shut down some of its smaller stores which don't sell "big-ticket" items, such as appliances and televisions (that's where the money is). Right now, the bulk of Grant stores that may close down are reportedly in the New York area.

But if a recession sets in, a number of big chains will be reviewing the profit and loss statements of their various stores, and some already are doing that.

At the moment, however, the battle for the buck is on.



Chief Hart



Chief Morse

Greater Lawrence gambling

Betting is brisk

By JACK WARK

Illegal football card betting is moving at its usual brisk pace in Greater Lawrence, but the area's "wire service," a telephone set-up to supply area bookies with immediate racing results from all over the country, has been altered.

The football card business appears to have recovered completely from a

1972 police raid on a Lawrence printing firm which authorities described as a major supplier of the cards for northern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire.

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Sources close to the situation say the bulk of the cards are now being imported into the area by a Medford man with solid ties to gambling operations in Boston's North End.

The Medford man, according to these sources, has the cards printed in the Boston area and then has them dispensed throughout Greater Lawrence by several agents, the principal of which is a Lawrence bookie and club owner.

Lawrence Police Chief Charles Hart, when the Journal presented him with information about the flow of football cards, said his department would begin an investigation.

On another front, knowledgeable sources say that the "wire service" has

been moved from a single-family cottage in Methuen's East End, where, the sources say, it was harbored until late last summer when the place came under police scrutiny.

The sources say the "service," reputed to be run by one of the area's major bookies, is now being moved from place to place, most of them in Lawrence, in an effort to elude police surveillance.

Said Methuen Police Chief Francis Morse: "The word we get is that he (the man who reputedly runs the "service") is moving around. I'd imagine he is since we almost had him last summer and he knows it. I hope to hell he stays in Lawrence—that's a good place for him."

A "wire service" is crucial to an area's bookie operation because without

the information it provides, bookies wouldn't know whether they had been hurt or helped by the action they handled on a given race and, thus, wouldn't know whether to "lay off" action on subsequent races.

Regarding the football card situation, Chief Hart said he hadn't expected last November's printing firm raid, in which five men were arrested and some 22,000 cards seized, to do any lasting damage to the area's football card business.

Said Hart: "The people who run this kind of thing are extremely efficient. What happens is you hit one place and they've got a back-up place all ready to print more cards. The most you do is put them out of commission for a week or so at a time. They have a very well-run business."



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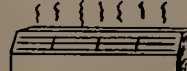
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Reming says indecision on school costing Lawrence tax money

By JACK WARK

Alderman Richard Reming has charged that school committee indecision about construction of a new high school is costing the city tax money.

"The school committee should quit fooling around and decide if and when and where it wants to build a new high school, so that sites, which have been listed as possible locations for a new school but which aren't going to be used, could be developed and produce a tax yield," Reming said this week.

Reming noted that Joseph Leone, a Lawrence developer, has been prepared for two years to build a \$3.5 million apartment complex on land located off Lawrence Street near Maple Street, which has been designated as a possible site for a new school.

"It appears that the school committee doesn't want that site but it hasn't released it yet, which prevents Leone from building and deprives the city of taxes from the apartments that Leone would have built," said Reming.

"FOR TWO YEARS, the committee has been talking about a new high school, and they're still talking. It's about time the talk stopped and we got some action

because the delays are costing the city money."

Early in 1972, the school committee went along with Mayor John Buckley's call for construction of a new high school.

The committee, which includes the mayor, last spring tentatively selected the Shawsheen Park section of South Lawrence as the site of the proposed school.

DURING THE SUMMER, however, the committee decided to re-evaluate the situation and launched a study to determine whether the city needs a new school and, if it does, where the facility should be built.

Said Reming: "I'm not saying the study is a bad idea but it should have been done long ago. The delays are ridiculous."

Reming said he remains unconvinced that Lawrence needs a new high school.

"That doesn't mean I'm against the idea," he said. "It means that I haven't been convinced of the need."

The alderman said he hopes the school committee gives "plenty of consideration" to renovating the present high school before it opts for a new high



ALDERMAN REMING

school, which, he said, would cost in the vicinity of \$13 million.

Reming said the present high school could be renovated for about \$2 million, with, he said, the state paying 65 per cent of the total.

Jobs for women

The Andover Women's Center will sponsor a program outlining "Job Opportunities for Women" tonight at 8 at the Unitarian-Universalist Church, Andover.

Free show

The Methuen police union is sponsoring a free show for children, called "Holiday Oddities," at Tenney High School Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. Funds to cover the expense of the event were donated to the union by Greater Lawrence businesses.



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IN ANDOVER they have go-carts or ski-mobiles, in Lawrence, among the Spanish-speaking, they have shopping carts. The trash barrels, litter, chain fence and mongrel are common landmarks of the city's Spanish landscape. Improvements will come, but they will need time—and organization. The question of who should represent the Spanish-speaking is now being hotly contested. (DANA CAHOON PHOTO)

Lawrence's Spanish-speaking

One 'voice' says there's no room for another

There are roughly 10,000 Spanish-speaking residents in Lawrence.

The Spanish Advisory Council, headed by Eduardo Crespo, considers itself the official voice of those 10,000 residents and is annoyed by the existence of a second group, Hispanos Unidos.

The Spanish Council has the support of David Rodger, director of Lawrence's International Institute.

Hispanos Unidos is supported by Rev. James Keller of GLEAM.

Crespo and Rodger believe that Hispanos Unidos should become part of the council, but that move does not appear likely.

Journal contributing editor Dan Fitts reports on the situation.

Hispanos Unidos, a new Spanish agency, plans to convert the top floor of a Wyman Street building into a community center for Lawrence's minority groups.

It will use a \$5,000 grant from Andover's Gillette Company to help in the remodeling of the center which everybody agrees is badly needed.

But not everybody is happy about the project.

Eduardo Crespo, moderator of the Spanish Advisory Council, is distinctly displeased, for the center is a reminder to him that Hispanos Unidos is serious about getting involved in programs for the city's Spanish.

He said in a recent interview that the city has room for only one agency to represent the Spanish, and that happens to be his council.

He said the existence of any other such organization can only handicap the council and "divide the Spanish community."

At least one outside observer agrees. David Rodger, director of the International Institute, said Lawrence's large, varied Spanish community needs one strong central voice, one sound social agency.

He says two agencies would only weaken each other, with all the Spanish-speaking the losers.

Crespo's Spanish Advisory Council was formed a year and a half ago to be the voice of the Spanish. It was to be an arm of the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council (CAC), a way of informing the CAC of the needs of the city's 10,000 or so Spanish-speaking.

Crespo admits the council has not been effective. He says that under Jose Ramirez, his predecessor as moderator, it did little more than pass resolutions and hope the CAC followed through on them. But now, he says, the council hopes to get out from under the CAC umbrella and launch social action programs of its own.

Meanwhile, Hispanos Unidos and the Spanish League of Women sprang up.

The league has been notable so far mainly for its dances, but Hispanos Unidos, according to its head, Isabel Melendes, has goals which sound almost identical to those Crespo has for the advisory council.

Like the council, Hispanos Unidos intends to hire a director and launch various programs to meet the needs of the Spanish community.

Mrs. Melendes sees nothing wrong with this apparent duplication of services. "We're all working for the same thing, the benefit of the community," she told the Journal.

But Crespo sees trouble ahead.

Each group needs money to be effective, he says, and the sources of this money—government grants, the community relations funds of local industries—are limited. This means, for example, that a donor who willingly funded the directorship of one group claiming to represent the city's Spanish might balk at doing so for a second organization.

To the second applicant the donor could say, "We already gave."

Crespo may be particularly concerned about this problem because Hispanos Unidos, though a year younger than the Spanish Advisory Council, appears to have the head start in funding. It has already obtained the promise of the Gillette grant, while his council has not yet agreed what project it wants money for.

It is not just money that is in short supply. Rodger cites another resource that

would be spread thin should there be two Spanish agencies rather than one: capable leaders. The Spanish-speaking are usually too busy making a living to be politically active, he says. Only a few of them become activists, and those, he says, should be in the same organization, where they can unite their talents.

Rodger says he thinks the advisory council is best suited to represent the area's Spanish-speaking because it has seniority, is better known, and has a wider ethnic base. (Crespo says it has 21 members representing seven Latin American countries, whereas Hispanos Unidos has only six members, four of them Puerto Ricans.)

Mrs. Melendes says her six member board is provisional only, and that elections will be held soon to choose a more permanent governing body. "You have to get a small group first to start it," she says.

And Crespo admitted that only a few people in his council have the energy and interest to make things happen. Nor is the council one big happy multi-ethnic community: he says some delegates do not attend meetings regularly because they do not want to work with Puerto Ricans, who, he says, are thought by some from other Latin countries to be backward.

Crespo and Rodger say Hispanos Unidos and the League of Women should consolidate with the advisory council. This does not seem a likely prospect.

As Mrs. Melendes outlined her plans for Hispanos Unidos, it was clear they did not include any merger with the council.

And Rev. James Keller of the Greater Lawrence Ecumenical Area Ministry (GLEAM)—Hispanos Unidos began rather inconspicuously last summer as an advisory group to GLEAM—says he thinks of the two Spanish organizations existing side by side, each with a different role.

The council, he says, is an "advisory" body, Hispanos Unidos a "program" group, one that gets things done "on the grass roots level."

Crespo predicts the matter will resurface at the next meeting of the advisory council. He says it is time to "lay the cards on the table" and resolve things.

Follows Andover

Salem, N.H., starts recycling program

Salem is about to become the second Greater Lawrence community to establish a town-wide recycling program.

Andover residents separate their paper, cans and glass from the rest of their trash before haulers come to cart it away. The paper, glass and cans are taken to different centers for recycling.

Salem is going to launch a 90-day trial paper recycling program next Monday. It will necessarily be on a much smaller scale than Andover's recycling program, since Salem does not have town-wide trash collection, and several of the town's private trash collectors have indicated that they will

have trouble keeping paper separate from the rest of the rubbish.

But Salem officials say they hope many Salem residents will, beginning Monday, collect their newspapers, magazines and corrugated paper and, on their next trip to the dump, deposit them in the special van that will be stationed there. The van belongs to the Pleasant Valley Paper Company, which will reimburse the town for the paper.

Donald Jutton, assistant town manager, said the program is Selectman Chairman Bert Ford's idea. Jutton himself visited Andover recently to study its recycling program.

COMPOSTING OPERATION

An official of All American Environmental Control Corp. (AENCO), Wilmington, Del., confirmed yesterday that his firm still "very definitely" wants to start a solid waste composting operation on land belonging to Martin Garabedian, 372 Hampshire Road, Methuen.

The land in question is about 300 acres and straddles the Salem, Pelham and Methuen town lines.

The firm tried to get the composting operation under way back in February, but was thwarted by, among other things, the Salem Board of

Adjustment. The board urged AENCO to present more detailed plans, including information on the environmental impact of the composting.

Many residents, including many of Garabedian's neighbors from Methuen, attended the board of adjustment hearing to protest the firm's proposal. They complained about the possibility of trucks hauling refuse and horse manure (two key ingredients of AENCO's proposed operation) to the Garabedian land, and of the

possible noise and smell of the operation itself.

The AENCO official said his firm is "working avidly" to present renewed and presumably more detailed plans to the various agencies, like the Salem Board of Adjustment, whose okay is needed.

Various Salem officials told the Journal this week that company representatives have indeed been in town lately to talk things over. None of the Salem officials has yet seen concrete plans, however.



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Planner gets rough time in Andover

By DAN FITTS

ANDOVER — Mrs. Maria Eigerman says she is welcome most places she goes on her official business. When community leaders hear what she has to offer, she says, they generally seem happy, eager to share their ideas and plans with her.

But not in Andover. Monday night, while Mrs. Eigerman at the Memorial Hall Library got a rather cool shoulder from the town's industrial commission, selectmen at a different meeting across the street announced that they didn't want to have anything to do with her.

The last time Mrs. Eigerman was in town, Selectmen Milton Greenberg and Edward Sullivan questioned her so sharply that she still feels the scars, she says.

Mrs. Eigerman is in charge of an Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) wastewater management study for the Merrimack River. The study, one of five pilot projects in the United States, is intended to help area communities decide how they can best handle their wastewater: whether, for example, they should pipe their wastes to a regional plant elsewhere, build their own plants, or use partially treated sewage to replenish ground water supplies.

Many of these communities have already planned their own ways of handling wastewater (Andover, Lawrence, Methuen and North Andover have joined to build a multi-million dollar, sewage plant in North

Andover). But last year Congress rewrote the laws governing water pollution, saying that by 1985 nobody can send anything other than pure water into the nation's waterways. Few communities have made provisions for the high class sewage treatment the law demands. (The Greater Lawrence sewage plant will treat its water pretty well, but not so well that people could swim in it or drink it raw.)

Thanks to a \$900,000 U.S. grant, the Army Corps of Engineers is offering to help local communities plan ways of complying with the new law. The corps wants no money from these communities, Mrs. Eigerman says, just information about their needs and long range goals. How else, she argues, can the corps plan wastewater treatment methods that are compatible with these communities, instead of imposed on them?

Mrs. Eigerman says most places she's been to seem to appreciate the corps' help. Andover is the only one that seems to want no part of the study, she says.

Andover selectmen in a Monday night statement gave three reasons for rejecting it.

Two have to do with features of the study that Mrs. Eigerman is quite proud of: its examination of a whole range of subjects besides sewage disposal, and its concern with getting private citizens as well

as the usual public officials to participate in it.

Mrs. Eigerman says far-sighted wastewater planning should take account of all a community's needs, its hopes for industrial growth, its plans for solid waste disposal, and so forth.

Selectmen did not spell out why this troubles them. They simply announced Monday night that they were "disturbed" by the study's breadth.

They objected to the study's aim at getting wide citizen participation on the grounds that the words of elected officials should carry the most weight. They implied that Mrs. Eigerman might get a mistaken impression of what Andover wants if she allowed non-elected officials equal say.

The third reason selectmen gave for opposing the study—the anticipated cost of complying with the 1972 antipollution law—was echoed repeatedly Monday night by members of the industrial commission, who at least had agreed to talk with Mrs. Eigerman.

She got little information from them about the town's long range goals, but plenty about how strongly they disagree with the new law.

Commission member Wolf Berthold said that the law, which has as its goal "zero effluent discharge" by 1985, wants to make the river as

clean as it was "before the first papoose urinated in it."

He said the new law reminded him of Prohibition, when the ideal was "zero alcohol intake." The new law, he said, "will defeat its purpose just as much as the 18th amendment."

Towards the end of the meeting, during which other complaints about the law were aired, Mrs. Eigerman admitted that the new law was "a monster in some ways." She hinted that Congress may revise it, at least by giving the country more than 12 years to meet the "zero effluent" goal.

Commission members complained that Mrs. Eigerman had nothing concrete to show them, no "cost-benefit analysis"

that would tell how much Andover would have to pay for each of several different methods of handling its wastewater. Mrs. Eigerman said preliminary analyses would be available in January.

What about the town's long range goals? "They're in there," said Berthold at one point, slapping his hand down on a copy of the town's zoning bylaws. He said the town had hired many consultants over the years to help it devise rather clear-cut goals. All Mrs. Eigerman needed to do, he implied, was familiarize herself with them.

Commission members clearly were in no mood to dwell on ways of meeting a law they regard as unrealistic.



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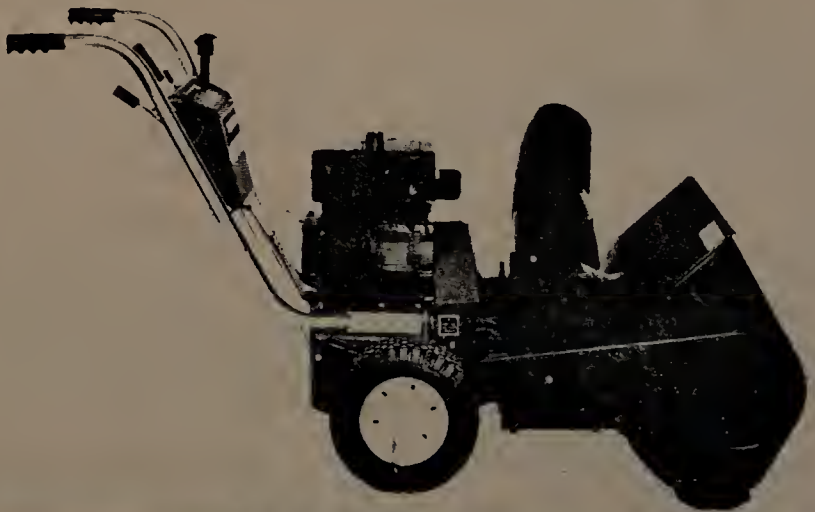


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Editorials

No political pull

Maybe if Mary McManus were the right person's mother or sister or cousin or the friend of somebody with a pipeline to a politician, things would be better for her.

But Mrs. McManus has no relatives or friends in high places, no "in" with anyone who wields power.

What she does have, as the Journal reported two weeks ago, is a lot of trouble. She is a 70 year-old widow with a bad heart and a severely ulcerated leg. She needs a place to live.

She was living at the Hancock Courts housing project, but she doesn't live there now because her apartment was on the second floor, and her doctor says her heart and leg can't stand climbing stairs.

For several weeks, she has been staying with her son and daughter-in-law and their four small children—all in a four-room Bennington Street flat. The place is too small for the son and his wife and the four children. The crowdedness is harrowingly close to unbearable with Mrs. McManus there.

And yet she must be there—or in the streets. Her son and daughter-in-law, each employed at grueling factory jobs, are doing all they can for the old woman.

Nobody else is doing much of anything.

Lawrence Housing Authority bureaucrats say they will give Mrs. McManus a first-floor apartment as soon as one becomes available. They say none has become available.

The local politicians, all of whom, you can be sure promised in one campaign speech after another to be attentive to the needs of every Lawrence resident, have done nothing for Mrs. McManus.



MARY McMANUS

She has no powerful relative, no powerful friend to pick up a telephone and use his influence to solve her problem.

So she is out of luck.

Talk is all that Mrs. McManus has gotten.

Which is sad. But the saddest part is that Mrs. McManus is only one among many Lawrence area people who need help but lack the political pull to get it.

She is only one among many who have gotten nothing but talk from those with the power and the responsibility to make things better.

A new George

Ten years ago, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace was the epitome of the southern racist, a man who for a decade opposed desegregation.

Today, his words and some of his examples could serve as a lesson for those who epitomize the northern racist.

A few days ago, he made an unprecedented appearance before the Southern Conference of Black Mayors, where he received a standing ovation.

He said his goal now was a better life for all people, regardless of race, creed or color. And the black mayors seemed to believe him.

There's a lesson there, somewhere. Maybe the gunman's bullet that tragically forced George Wallace into a wheel chair and into countless hours of reflection had a great deal to do with the amazing change in his philosophical outlook. Maybe there were other forces about which we know nothing.

We do know we feel a lot better when a group of black mayors applaud George Wallace than we did when the cheers came from racists who saw him as the leader in their violent attack against integration.

Wonderful people

The people who own the big oil combines in America are wonderful people.

Take the price of gasoline. It costs them about three cents to produce it, and then they wholesale at a price that reaches an 800 percent markup. Add taxes and the service station's profit and price on the pump runs from 38 to 44 cents a gallon.

Because of the shortage of gasoline, which they helped create, prices will rise

much higher, and the big oil boys will make even larger profits for their corporations.

And they're looking ahead to the future when people may insist on other forms of energy.

How have they looked ahead?

Why, they have bought into coal mining concerns, uranian mining companies and other energy-makers.

Wonderful people—and damned smart.

Editorial points

It is becoming increasingly rare to find anyone who will admit to voting for Richard M. Nixon.

An Ohio woman last week filed a \$10,000 suit after finding a dead mouse in a bottle of Coca-Cola. The Pepsi people are all smiles. The Ohio woman is a little nauseated.

It's too bad Miss Rose Mary Woods, Nixon's personal secretary, couldn't have erased some of her boss's deeds as well—like his bombing of Indochina, his mismanagement of the economy, and his decision to run for re-election in 1972.

This may be a tissue-paperless Christmas. A salesgirl at the Methuen Mall this week apologized for the lack of tissue, saying it had become quite scarce. She said either you have to buy it by the truckload, or get none at all. The store opted for none.

Quotes

"The goal is utterly stupid. That means you have to take that entire bloody Merrimack River and make it drinkable." — Horace Poynter, Andover industrial commission member, on the 1972 federal water pollution control law, which says nothing but pure water should be discharged into the nation's waterways after 1985. Poynter contends that the costs would be prohibitive. (See story on page 9.)

"The biggest obstacle to Mr. Nixon's resignation may be his fear of going to jail. So long as he stays in the White House, he is safe. As President, he has the power to hamper investigation, drag out litigation and block his own prosecution." —I.F. Stone, in the New York Review of Books.

"An organization serving the public can not reasonably tolerate among its employees people openly hostile to its purposes and goals. It needs to present a facade in accord with purposes and policies. Otherwise a babble of tongues displaces the single voice, and the public loses faith in the organization." —Bill Heath, Eagle-Tribune editorial page editor, on a newspaper publisher's right to control dissenting opinion.

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Oil firms deliberately hold back production

Editor's Note: The following is a reprint of an article which appeared in the Boston Phoenix:

A special U.S. Senate energy study has revealed that the nation's 10 largest oil companies deliberately slowed down their refinery output last year—a slowdown that has contributed heavily to the current widespread fuel crisis.

According to the Los Angeles Times, Senator Henry Jackson's Permanent Investigation's Subcommittee has prepared a 40,000 word study of the energy problem. That study blames much of the shortage problem on monopoly practices by the oil giants, and on government ineptitude.

The Senate study identifies the 10 oil leaders as being Exxon, American, Texaco, Shell, Gulf, Mobil, Atlantic Richfield, Sunoco, Standard of Ohio and Standard of California.

The Senate report, says the Times, found that all 10 companies acted simultaneously in the spring of 1972 to deliberately reduce their refining capacity by at least three percent. The amount of heating oil produced during this period, the Times states, was cut back by a full 10 percent.

The Senate report says that the small, independent wholesalers and retailers of fuel were the first to feel the pinch. These groups went to the government and asked the administration to reduce restrictions which limited imports of crude oil, in order to increase domestic supplies.

However, says the Times, Exxon and others of the big 10 immediately notified the government that there was no immediate need for additional imports, and that the Big 10 oil companies could meet the needs of the independents. The result was an administration compromise which allowed a slight increase in crude oil imports—but not enough to make up for the intentional slack created by the cutbacks.

As the winter of 1972 rolled around, heating oil was in short supply, and consumers began to feel the first symptoms of a growing "fuel shortage."

The Big 10, says the Senate report, continued to hold back their production of heating oil until late last year, because—thanks to the administration's price controls—it was more profitable to make gasoline than heating oil.

When the heating oil ceilings were relaxed last November, the Big 10 hiked their heating oil prices, began making heating oil, and finally avoided severe shortages. But this sudden heating oil switch created shortage number two.

With the giants of the oil industry turning out excess heating oil last winter, and with their refineries still operating at reduced capacities, gasoline suddenly began to grow scarce.

Sure enough, says the study, by the summer of this year, consumers were hit with a gasoline shortage.

Now, with the winter coming, and with fuel inventories still down, the report concludes that both gasoline and fuel oil shortages are "inevitable."

Throughout all of this, the Big 10 oil companies have not suffered: the prices for their deliberately limited fuel is at an all time high, and the profits they are enjoying have been record highs, in many cases even doubling.



Alfred Donovan



Robert Lippe



Joseph Markey

JACK WARK Servility to the mayor

The way three city council members behave, you would think they had been appointed by Mayor John Buckley rather than elected by the voters of Lawrence.

Granted, Buckley, elected earlier this month to a ninth term, is an incredibly successful politician, one whose power must be respected, one whose election successes make him a very fit model for people who possess political ambition.

But there are limits, and those limits are persistently exceeded by three aldermen, Alfred Donovan, Robert Lippe and Joseph Markey. The homage which those three pay the mayor reaches the point of servility and violates their obligation to be independent public officials.

The situation became disturbingly clear at last week's city council meeting. That's when Donovan, Lippe and Markey refused to give Alderman Richard Reming, the one council member who shows any sense of political independence, the time he said he would need to cast an educated vote on Buckley's latest proposal to merge the Lawrence Housing Authority, Lawrence Redevelopment Authority and city planning department into a single agency.

Instead of honoring Reming's modest request for a few days to study the controversial proposal, Donovan, Lippe and Markey did exactly what Buckley wanted them to do. They

rammed it through the council and set the stage for the proposal, which has been altered considerably since it was rejected by the state legislature last summer, to be shipped back to the legislature.

What makes the action of Donovan, Lippe and Markey especially distressing is that in blowing past Reming, they closed off the possibility of an open city council discussion of the mayor's proposal.

And it's altogether possible that such a discussion would have been extremely beneficial. It might have aided in determining, for example, if the proposal, which would give the mayor direct control over the new agency, places too much power in the hands of the mayor.

On the other hand, an open discussion might have uncovered bugs in the proposal which, if not eliminated, could lead the legislature to reject it again.

But Donovan, Lippe and Markey, in their rush to do what Buckley wanted them to do, ignored the potential value of an open discussion.

It was a dismal performance by Donovan, Lippe and Markey.

More dismal, though, is that the performance was par for the course. The fact of the matter is that neither Donovan nor Lippe nor Markey has ever been the strong and independent city council member that each promised he would be.

The bell ringer

If I really wanted to get the column read, I'd put it into a folder, stamp it "top secret", and let it leak.

Couldn't we settle the whole bloody mess of Watgate in one afternoon with a lie detector test for our Prez?

There's a move afoot in Congress to adopt a new national anthem: "It Ain't Necessarily So".

Hallmark is producing scented Christmas cards this year. Thank God I lost my sense of smell after my last bout with the flu.

As if the gasoline shortage isn't bad enough for the ski resort operators, a group of Lawrence area citizens are threatening to turn Christmas into a religious holiday.

Another offshoot of the energy crisis: local hardware stores report the sale of windmills is up fantastically.

It's comforting to read that leaders of the National Teachers Assn. declare their number one goal is to turn our teachers into the "most powerful lobbying and political force in the nation". Maybe the number two goal could be reserved for teaching the kids.

Everyone in my family suffers from herpetophobia, but you don't hear us going around whining about it.

I've just sunk a bundle in the stock of a company that manufactures gasoline tank caps that lock. And an even bigger bundle in gas siphons.

That was a mean remark about one of our top political leaders — that he can't walk and chew gum at the same time.

I think the Beatles are going to make it big.

The most stupid — stupidous? — survey of the year was the one where scores of students were interviewed to determine how the high school set feels about things these days. They were all picked from "Who's Who Among American High School Students". To balance that circus act, I'm interviewing all my teen-age friends in reform school.

If they close down the area public libraries at night, what will the kids use as an excuse to get out of the house?

My daughter's been going to the library every night since school reopened and she still spells book with a "c". I'd keep her home, but she's 22.

One of the first acts of the Bay State Gas Co., which just took over the Lawrence Gas Co., was to notify its new customers they'll have to pay their bills every month instead of every two months, as before. How's that for instant PR?

I just got a "thank you" card from my aunt for sending her a "thank you" card. Now I shall send her (she's very rich) a lovely card thanking her for sending me a card thanking me for the thank you card I sent her. And if I'm playing my cards right, very shortly I shall get a card...

We should be grateful to those TV sportscasters who read all the scores for us at the same time they're flashed on the tube. It's especially helpful to the deaf.

And let's have an "Emmy" for those TV remote cameramen who focus on football players on the sidelines just as they blow their noses without a handkerchief.

Shall we start a fund for those General Motors auto workers who will be laid off the week before Christmas at 95% pay?

Who's the wise guy who changed the TV listings for that Channel 4 program of newspaper editors to "Starring the Idiots"?

I hope William Randolph Hearst Jr. doesn't forget to tell me in the Herald next Sunday that he was a co-winner of the Pulitzer Prize for reporting in 1965. I'm not too worried. He hasn't failed yet and there are only 5 Sundays left in the year.

Heavens, I've slipped in three TV items this week. Poor Jenkins will frow up.

People and places

Richard Uliano is the young Lawrence man who is making a name for himself in this city without trying to. He merely made a recent trip to a city council meeting and raised his voice against the proposed destruction of a Lawrence landmark -- the former public library building. But his voice was loud and clear, and what he had to say made much sense, and others have joined his line of reasoning. "The best thing about it," said one city hall observer, "is that young people do care about their city and they're going to speak out on issues. That's great. A few more like Uliano, and this city's going to come alive."

Cindy Kaufman, a 1973 Lawrence High School graduate who was the school's student council president, is now a political science major at Boston College. She says she is thinking about a career in law. People who know the articulate and energetic young woman say that, if she chooses to get involved in Lawrence politics, she would make an excellent political leader.

"All I know is that I'll be with the Democrat, whoever he is." That's how Charles Buckley, one of Lawrence's most ardent Democrats and a 1972 backer of John Kerry's losing Fifth Congressional District bid, sums up his political leanings for the 1974 congressional race.

Robert W. Perron, 36, 7 Brown St., Andover, has been named assistant clerk at Central District Court in Haverhill at an

annual pay of \$14,437. He previously was administrative assistant to the president of Lowell Technological Institute. He is a native of Dracut.

David Young of Andover is the one responsible for those Boston Sunday Globe special supplements that readers often save. Examples of his work are the recent Christmas section featuring holiday food, and last Sunday's one on gift ideas. Last year's tabloid on a famous Boston fire was one of Young's efforts as editor of the Globe's special sections department. Young is also president of the Andover Unitarian-Universalist Church. He is former editor of the Andover Townsman.

The second year Spanish class of Mrs. John C. Gocłowski at Andover High School got a

real workout recently. Students debated pros and cons of abortion in Spanish. Said one student who took part in the debate: "Everyone had strong feelings on the subject, but if you wanted to talk about them, you really had to do some vocabulary work ahead of time." It seems like a lively way to learn a language, and an imaginative way for a teacher to motivate a class.

Raymond Hancock, formerly Lawrence's alderman in charge of engineering, is now employed as Department of Public Works director for the town of Wrentham.


The fact that John McCarthy, formerly Lawrence's alderman in charge of health and charities, marched in this week's Santa Claus Parade had

some folks wondering if McCarthy might be considering a return to politics. Everyone else with political ambition marched.

The National Science Foundation keeps its eye on all sorts of things, including seals in the Antarctica. Right now, the Foundation is studying the habits of the seals and surveying Antarctic's seal

population. Involved in it is David P. Lee of Methuen. He is with the Coast Guard Cutter "Glacier" which is assisting the Foundation in the survey.

Two Andover students have received the President's Award for Excellence at Bentley College. They are Gary W. Mattheson and Robert L. Monette..



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AUDIO SPORTS by Roy Reiss

The best team Greater Lawrence has produced in the last 12 years will meet a high school juggernaut this Saturday at B.U.'s Nickerson Field. To put it another way, it's Andover High against Catholic Memorial.

Most football experts in Boston don't expect a good game because they don't know enough about Andover's Golden Warriors. What they do know is

that Catholic Memorial has turned out one winner after another, and they talk of the West Roxbury Knights in the same terms as they discuss Swampscott's Big Blue.

This match, however, could be the best of the 4 Super Bowl games to be played Saturday. Both Memorial and Andover have impressive winning streaks. Both teams feature stingy defenses; the one

commodity that they each have is speed. The only common opponent on their schedules was Billerica, and both emerged with 35-0 wins.

On the surface you'd have to say it could be a classic, and the breaks should decide the outcome.

But I have a feeling that the Division 2 winner will be the team with the greater poise. This is a characteristic coaches can't teach. It must come from a winning confidence that builds over a season, a feeling that the team gets when they make the big play.

Catholic Memorial has this poise. It has developed through a winning football program, a winning basketball program and a winning baseball program. Ronnie Perry, the former Holy Cross star, is the man most responsible for building the C.M. sports dynasty. It has been helped along by great publicity from the Boston papers, publicity that a winner rightfully deserves.

Andover High also has this poise. They're riding a 17-game winning streak in football, a

tremendous accomplishment in the high school ranks. The Golden Warriors have been consistent winners in basketball. The same can be said of their track and gymnastic programs.

But Saturday Andover goes against the so called "wood". It will be most interesting to see how the kids react when they first see Catholic Memorial on the field. There have been many opponents of the Knights who leave their game in the warmups, and it could happen to Andover if they lose their poise.

Offensively, both front lines weigh about the same. Andover's Mark Sweetser appears to have an edge over Rich Woodman at the important quarterback position. Bob McCarthy of Andover will be the best power runner on the field. However, there won't be anyone Andover can match against C.M.'s Dave Singleton for outside speed. Both Sweetser and Woodman will throw the ball to excellent receivers, Glen Varette and T.J. Stamus for Andover and Paul Kelly and Jack O'Brien for C.M. There really is little to choose offensively between the two.

Defensively Andover will sorely miss middle guard Ray Pizarro, out with a broken wrist, and they'll have to continue their excellent pursuit and gang tackling if they hope to stop Singleton. The key will be the play of their linebackers, Jeff Towne, Bill Kenney and Frank Kenney.

Meanwhile Catholic Memorial will attempt to contain Andover's wide open shoot and run offense with their own quick defense. The Knights' front 5 is mobile and they get

help from a speedy secondary comprised of Singleton, O'Brien and Kevin Rose. But the key to the C.M. defense will be linebackers Bob DiGrazia, Ed Harrington and Mike Bradley.

A comparison of special teams again fails to draw a clear cut advantage. Ronnie Perry Jr. is a very capable place kicker for Memorial while Pete Reilly has been outstanding for Andover. Sweetser may be the best punter in the state, but the Knights Jim Walsh isn't far behind.

So where does this leave us?

Right back at the beginning we mentioned poise, and the only question I have is what kind of reaction will Andover have playing in the big city, before a pretty big crowd, against what many consider to be the best team in Division 2? If Andover maintains their poise, I look for them to win a close game. If they lose it, it'll be Catholic Memorial in a breeze.

ON THE AIR... I can't help but reflect on the last 6 years of Lawrence High football and what might have happened had Jerry Callagy been there. Callagy is now down at Wakefield, one of the highest paid assistants in the state. His keen football mind has been put to good use as Wakefield has emerged as a power in the tough Middlesex League with a 38-16 record in the last 6 years. In that time they have recorded 8-1, 7-2 and 9-0 seasons, and many people feel Callagy is the main reason for Wakefield's upswing.

SIGN OFF... North Andover had a lean year in football, but it should all change this winter with their basketball team.

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The ironical part is that these four men don't play too many gigs around town at all.

The guitarist, Ken Hatfield, played with the Boston Contemporary Jazz Orchestra during the Boston Jazz Coalition's Jazz-All-Night concert some weeks back. Speaking to him after the set, I discovered he had never played with that group before, but had a number of musicians with whom he played off and on. At my urging, he was good enough to round up three of those musicians — Ed Sterbenz on electric bass, Ted Wolff on vibes, and Rick Ruotolo on drums — for the live broadcast Saturday night, November 10 over WBUR radio.

The quartet ran the gamut of jazz styles, from a Charlie Parker tune to an original piece by Hatfield, entitled "Circ." A lovely duet featuring drummer Rick Ruotolo and guitarist Hatfield, their rendition of Chick Corea's "Crystal Silence" was played back-to-back with Joe Henderson's "Black Narcissus."

The piece the musicians felt best about, however, was Ken Hatfield's composition. Each member of the quartet took a solo on "Circ," each one stretching out further than before, playing it a bit more adventurously, each man functioning as an individual yet integral part of the sound.

Perhaps you're wondering why I am spending so much time discussing something that you figure you'll never be able to hear. Well, the point is, the same quartet is going to be back on WBUR this coming Saturday night. If you want to test my judgment, and why not, you can turn your F.M. radio to 90.9 on the dial around 11:00 p.m. this Dec. 1 and bring in the last month of the year with the proper spirit. The unnamed quartet will be there to warm you up on a cold winter night.

Who knows, maybe you'll be so impressed that you'll give them a gig, or might suggest to someone looking for a jazz band that there's an excellent one looking for work. The very least you can do, with no strain or stress, is to give your ears a break and listen to some live jazz brought to you without commercial interruption over WBUR. Give it a try.

(Robert Battles can be heard on "Things We Like" over WBUR, 90.9 FM in Boston, every Saturday night starting at 11:00 p.m.)

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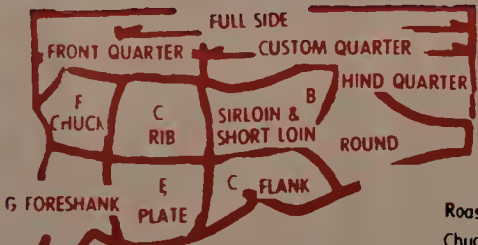
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Arabic group may buy Plains center

Local Arabic-speaking people have launched a unity drive which may culminate in the purchase of the Plains Community Center in Lawrence.

Members of the Arabic-speaking community met this week and named officers for the organization whose purpose is to unite the ethnic group.

That the organization might try to buy the community center, located on Hampshire Street and now owned by St. Joseph's Church, came to light at this week's meeting.

"We're forming an organization and a possible goal is the purchase of the center," said Stanley Saba of Andover, president of the organization.

Added State Rep. Arthur Khoury, who was named first vice president of the organization: "The impetus for organizing is the availability of the building."

Officials at St. Joseph's have indicated that mortgage payments on the center are causing the church financial problems and that the church is willing to sell the building.

Named with Saba and Khoury as officers of the organization were: Ed Samra, second vice president; James Hajjar, treasurer; and Ann Antoon, clerk.

Business beat

Addison-Wesley Publishing Co. of Reading has agreed to buy Field Educational Publications of Palo Alto, Calif. Purchase price is undisclosed. Addison-Wesley publishes texts for use in kindergarten through college. Field Educational Publications publishes texts and multimedia supplemental materials.

Richard Nolan of Forest Lane, Salem, N.H., has joined the sales staff of Regan-Lafey Ford Co. in Haverhill.

Fuel shortages are expected to raise the rates of taxi fares, bus rides and airplane tickets. Travel may become a luxury, forecast some economists.

The stock market has suffered one of its sharpest declines ever, taking paper losses estimated at more than \$100 billion since Oct. 26.

General Motors has asked owners of 1971 and 1972 Cadillacs (excluding Eldorado models) to go to their dealers to have a steering defect corrected. Three known accidents have been caused by the problem.

Robert P. McCarthy, formerly of Andover, is now with the sales staff of Rodman Ford in Foxboro.

Service enlistees

The following have enlisted in the US Air Force:

Richard M. Tine, 69 Royal Circle, Salem, N.H. He graduated from Salem High School this year.

William M. Daly of Haverhill. He is a 1971 Central Catholic High School graduate.

Letters

On Jenkins

To the Journal:
 I resent the way the Journal is pushing around our favorite TV talk man, Jenkins.
 The Journal is giving him an inferiority complex.
 On the week of Nov. 15, you had him on Page 20.
 On Nove. 23 you put him on Page 28.
 That's an insult to put Jenkins on the back page. He should be right up front with the stars.
 Does the New York Times put James Reston on the back page?
 Apparently the Journal doesn't know the First Amendment to the United States Constitution — part of the Bill of Rights — was demanded by the citizens as protection against editors who push around brilliant young journalists such as Jenkins.
 The Philadelphia Inquirer, Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Arkansas Gazette and Manchester Union-Leader have all seen this bright light. Any citizen who has ever contemplated public protest, now is his chance to stand up and be heard. We demand that our TV Talk man Jenkins be treated with respect, and that his column be placed in the Journal on Page 10.
 Anna Stanley
 Andover
 P.S.—I can't stop laughing -- he's great.

Spare that building

To the Journal:
 Cheers for your article; "Anyone can bang a building down", issue of Nov. 23.
 I, again, as I did in the June 6/71 issue of the E-T, regarding the wrecking of the old post office on the corner of Essex and Broadway feel that I must alert the citizens of Lawrence to try and save this former Library from destruction.
 I believe that our leaders are penny-wise and pound-foolish to destroy their heritage.
 I also believe they lack foresight and care nothing about the welfare of their city.
 Alderman Reming said it would cost \$4,000 to repair the old post office; again, he claims that the former library would cost about the same to repair it.
 Let us look at facts: he underestimated the cost of repairs to both buildings at today's prices. I believe that the cost would be more like \$15,000.
 Reming did not take under consideration the cost of tearing down both buildings — the post office and the library.
 He did not consider the prestige nor the money that would accrue to Lawrence and its businessmen because of the tourist trade which means a tremendous amount of money through the years that tourists would spend in Lawrence.
 Tourists will not stop or stay in a city or town who have nothing to offer of interest.
 Salem, Mass., where I was born in 1900 is an example of leaders and citizens who very early recognized that they should preserve their old buildings and memorabilia, not only out of pride but also as shrewd Yankee businessmen.
 They have had, for years, a Historical Society.
 People have come to Salem for as long as I can remember from all the states and a great many countries to see its attractions as stated above, as well as its Peabody Museum.
 Money is money, no matter how it gets to any city or town; it is income to be gathered no matter the source.
 To sum up — Lawrence should form a Historical Society.
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To the Journal:

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Mrs. Pappalardo

To the Journal:

In answer to the account of Mrs. Kathy Pappalardo in your newspaper: I feel Mrs. Pappalardo has let herself go down stream. She had been very active and a good worker for a

while. She should never have just stepped out of things.

Stay in there, Mrs. Pappalardo and you will do good work if given the chance.

I suggest you stay with school affairs; good people are so needed in these matters, and if you succeed, then go up the ladder to higher politics. I am sure you will do great things.

Stay with it, Mrs. Pappalardo.

Doris Guidry
Lawrence

Tribune defended

To the Journal:

Referring to your two-page coverage of the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune specimen ballot in November 5th's edition.

I find your editorial very childish, political wish-wash, and trying to express the views of the citizens of Lawrence. You state that it (the Tribune's specimen ballot) "was insulting to the voters, grossly unfair to the other candidates, and a smear on Lawrence's democratic election process."

I can not see how it can be one of these three things you mentioned. The specimen ballot was printed on the EDITORIAL PAGE of the Tribune and therefore it can be assumed that the X's were in the opinion of the Tribune's management. I have come to know and learn that all on the editorial page was opinion and not fact. Maybe it's about time you, who call yourselves a newspaper, learn of this too!

"It was irresponsible because the Eagle-Tribune is Greater Lawrence's only daily paper and, as such, has a heavy obligation to be fair, responsible, and at least somewhat professional." I agree that the Tribune does have this heavy obligation but I also

feel that it is fulfilling this obligation. I can not find fault in a newspaper who labels a page EDITORIALS and exposes a ballot with their choices and endorsements. You, seemingly, are taking that word EDITORIALS out of that page. I can not find fault in a newspaper who prints a ballot to be filled out by the readers of the Tribune on the leader of this country. You, seemingly, do.

The issue certainly is responsibility.

Your responsibility as the second newspaper in this area, is to present to the public unbiased reports instead of unprofessional editorials you place on the third page of The Journal.

Irving Rogers doesn't owe the people of Lawrence an apology, but Andrew Coburn sure does!

A Reader,
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To the Journal
Mr. O'Connor in his letter of Nov. 8 would advise those wishing to really know Lawrence High that they talk to the students themselves. So as not to inconvenience anyone, I'll come to them.

Our school may be physically lacking, but the majority of the students are mentally complete making the most of what they have. How do I know? I'm one of them, and I live with hundreds of other kids six hours a day, Monday thru Friday.

Other cities may be building new schools with modern facilities, but right now we don't have the money for it. However, one point in our favor is the fact that we have set up special councils explicitly for this reason.

As for setting us up in a vacant lot and putting a circus tent over us, it would be wasting a lot of talent and ability as this city needs us to survive. We have proved our interest not only in our school, but in the future by the various acts we perform. Examples of this would be the work of the Ecology Club and the recent Chelsea Fire Drive. Students have shown their school spirit by their willingness to participate in class activities and the readiness with which they earn money to support class functions.

Spirit, my school is loaded

with it because we care what happens to L.H.S. Our athletic teams, cheerleaders, etc., work hard for the honor of our school. It was this very spirit and loyalty that compelled so many students to respond to Mr. O'Connor's exaggerated and biased letters.

At Lawrence High we learn not only the essentials of book-learning, but also how to relate to other people. Does this sound like a "wasteland"? It is not just a building of blackboards and science labs, but a place where our teachers instruct us in math, history, and English, and perhaps more importantly they set examples for us that will prove valuable in later years. Is this "babysitting"?

Life is much more than 2+2=4, and at Lawrence High we are getting a part of life.

A lot remains to be done to improve the conditions at our school, and we are openly proving our maturity and concern by trying to solve our problems. But sometimes it's not easy, especially when an unsuspecting public jumps to conclusions after reading a letter such as Mr. O'Connor's.

Yours truly,
Cheryle Esty
Lawrence

More on Spitfire

To the Journal:

On Nov. 23, there was a letter which you published about the "Vo-Tech's Spitfire."

I'm sure over half the population of Lawrence has met this girl and the Vocational School, whether it be to enroll in the evening program or to attend one of the functions of the community held at the Voke.

This young lady is just as pleasant as the writer of the letter says, and if you have ever gone to Vo-Tech and stopped in the main office to talk to her, you would have to admit she's "funny as hell."

Anybody that knows her well knows that she got this fantastic sense

of humor, and her good personality from her father who is also well known in Greater Lawrence.

Her father is our former school committeemember Francis X. "Buddy" O'Connell.

Seeing this girl is like seeing a young Buddy O'Connell all over again. As far as her looks go, there is no question about it the girl is a real beauty and we can give credit to her mother for that.

Congratulations on your paper.

It's nice to see good things written about people instead of all evil going on.

E. Burke
Methuen

On Bill Baird

To the Journal:

In response to your article in last Thursday's Journal, "Bill Baird resumes his battle."

The fact that you have advertised Mr. Baird's wares seems to indicate the Journal is endorsing the big abortion push.

Now that Ms. Battles has invited the American female to come and kill her offspring, why not show her what

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Accent on Methuen

Harrington's decision affects the boys here

By JACK WARK

The decision of Beverly Democrat Michael Harrington to seek re-election to his Sixth Congressional District seat is expected to have a major impact on a 1974 Methuen state representative race.

Now that Harrington has put aside the idea of running for state attorney general and is planning to go for another congressional term, it is all but certain that State Rep. Nicholas Buglione will move for re-election next year.

When Harrington was considering a run for attorney general, James Rurak, a Haverhill Democrat whose state senate district includes Methuen, was playing with the idea of going for Harrington's seat.

Which set Buglione, a Democrat, to thinking about a jump at Rurak's senate position and which, in turn, had a batch of town pols ogling Buglione's state rep post.

Rurak's interest in Harrington's office evaporated when Harrington decided he wanted to keep it. And Buglione lost interest in Rurak's post when Rurak decided he wanted to stay in the senate.

The lusting for Buglione's rep position has subsided now that Buglione is eyeing re-election, with most of those who would like the post figuring that Buglione is too popular to be ousted.

The number of individuals, apart from Buglione, still gazing eagerly at the rep's seat is, it appears, down to three: Paul Concemi, a pharmacist who lost the 1972 Democratic nomination to Buglione; Raffi Takesian, a Republican town council member; and William De Pardo, a Republican businessman.

Harrington, with his decision to stay in Congress, has kept Buglione from leaving his state rep's post—and that, in all probability, will prevent next year's race for that rep's post from becoming a wide-open, free-for-all.

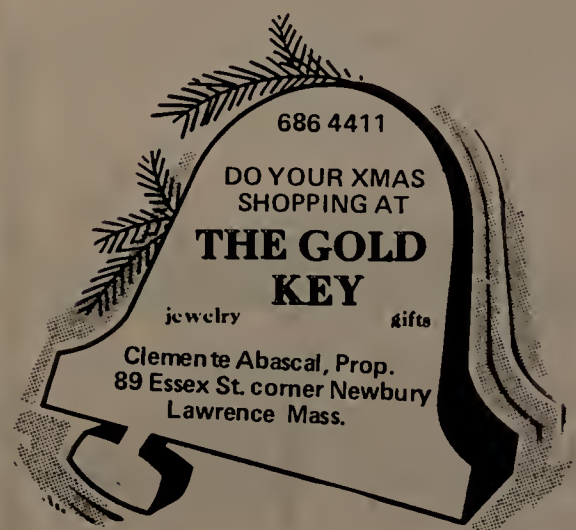
Instead, the rep's contest, most likely, will come down to one or maybe two insurgents leaving a fair shot unseating Buglione.

Other Battles

Other legislative battles involving Methuen are also beginning to take shape.

At this point, it is anticipated that James Graham, a town council member, will contest State Rep. Arthur Khoury, a Lawrence Democrat whose district includes Methuen Precincts 2 and 6, for the 1974 Democratic nomination.

Another town council member, Wilfred Beauchesne, is expected to challenge State Rep. Arthur Sobel, a Lawrence Democrat whose legislative territory, as a result of re-districting, will include Methuen Precinct 4, in next year's election. Beauchesne is a Republican.



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Comet Kohoutek fans have been invited to hear about the comet, which is just becoming visible, this Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m., at Memorial Hall Library in Andover.

Phillips Academy astronomy teacher Jay Sarton will give a brief history and slide description of comets, and he will tell how to photograph the comet.

"The comet may not be as bright as predicted," says Sarton, "but it will still be a fantastic event."

Sarton says that Phillips Academy will open the school's telescope and the flat roof of the science building for public viewing of the comet for several nights during its prime time, around the middle of January.

Students will be available to answer questions.

Sarton says that by then binoculars will be more useful than the telescope. Binoculars will magnify the comet to about the size of the full moon seen with the naked eye, but if you look through a telescope the sense of the comet's structure will be lost, Sarton says.

Kohoutek's appearance will not be overwhelming, he says.

"It's not going to sparkle across the sky and light up the world. But it has taken two million years to get here."

Tenney wins all

Tenney High School students filled all three spots in the winners' circle at the Methuen VFW-sponsored Voice of Democracy contest held this week.

The top place went to Tony Castiglione of 102 Philips St. Second and third place winners were Peggy Gormley, 160 Maple St., and Anne Dore, 2 Alfred St., all of Methuen.

Castiglione will now compete in the district finals in Georgetown on Dec. 27.

The yearly oratorical contest is sponsored nationally by VFW organizations. Regional winners compete in Washington, D.C.

Joseph Abdullah and Post 8349 Commander Robert Gillan were in charge of contest arrangements.

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FAIR

The annual Christmas Fair of First Church Congregational, Methuen, will be held Saturday from 1:30 to 7 p.m. A ham and bean supper will be served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Albert B. Gordon and Mrs. Martin Killourie are in charge of reservations. The public has been invited.

BOUTIQUE

The annual Christmas Boutique and coffee sponsored by the Newcomer's Club of Andover and North Andover will be held Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Marc Jasmin, 273 South Main St., Andover. The public has been invited. Mrs. John Hess of North Andover is chairman.

SANTA CLAUS

Santa Claus, followed by floats and marching bands, will parade through Andover Saturday.

FAIR

Women of First Congregational Church, Salem, N.H., will hold a jingle bell fair in the church hall tomorrow from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

TOUR

Mrs. George Cleland, 103 Dascomb Road, Andover, is handling reservations for Doric Dames to tour the United Nations and the American wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York on Dec. 5.

CONCERT

The new Andover Community Chamber Orchestra will give its debut performance tomorrow at 7:30 p.m., Underwood Room, Phillips Academy.

SUPPER

The Hockey Moms of the Methuen Youth Hockey Assn., will hold a pot luck supper tomorrow at 7:30 p.m., Gaythorne Hall, Methuen.

BALL

The Camellia Ball will be held Dec. 7 (Friday) at the Andover Country Club. Mrs. William B. Duffy of North Andover is chairman.

FAIR

St. David's Episcopal Church in Salem, N.H., will hold a Christmas fair tomorrow, 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2.

CONCERT

A Spanish concert sponsored by All-Star Productions will be held Dec. 1 (Saturday) at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center gymnasium. Reservations may be made at Heads-Up Boutique, 531 Broadway, Lawrence.

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"Yes, he used to be a boxer," she says. "Physically he is a very strong dancer, and he is very strong technically—the best dancer the United States has produced. He has very high elevation, and excellent technique. But he's not much of a romantic dancer."

Villella will perform at George Washington Hall, Phillips Academy. The event is billed as a lecture-demonstration. Villella will dance several pas de deux with Susan Hendl of the New York City Ballet, and then talk.

Tickets are \$3.00 each and are on sale now. For information call 475-3400, Ext. 121.



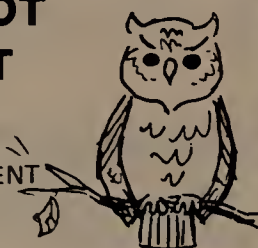
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Kings Row III, located in Stadium Lanes in Lawrence, has a gimmick -- big-name entertainment.

FOR SOME REASON, big name performers haven't gone over well in the area, at least not since the 1930's and 40's when Lawrence was known as "Little Chicago" and people like Lionel Hampton, Tommy Dorsey and Count Basie came here.

Before the present venture by Kings Row III, the 400 Lounge in Methuen was the last to import big name people -- Della Reese, for example. The 400 Lounge found that the big names didn't draw big crowds, and now features classy but lesser known entertainers, who persistently pull large crowds.

Kings Row III, though, is

into the big-name scene and things look good for the new club. This week, "Cornell Gunter and the Coasters" are there. Cornell mixes humor, dance and old favorites such as "Charlie Brown," "Yakity Yak," and "Searchin'" with a very polished night club routine.

MEANWHILE, at the Barn Door in North Andover this week is "Studebaker Hawke," a highly popular Boston group.

Over in Methuen at DK's Lounge, which, incidentally, has been expanded to twice its original size, the current attraction is "Street Fox."

"Street Fox", formerly known as "Carrott Tree", has a large local following, so it is anticipated that DK's will be jumping this week.

Two new clubs worth mentioning are Cuzzins IV, located in downtown Lawrence, and Kon Tiki II, located at the Methuen Ski Hill.

"Great Expectations," a topnotch group, is now at Cuzzins IV.

Kon Tiki II is drawing large crowds with good music and inexpensive draft beer.

SKIPPING AROUND we find "Panda" at Limanni's in Methuen; "Brahmin" at the Blue Lantern in Lawrence; "Sweet Rush" at Eddie Mann's in Lawrence; "Mother and Company" at the English Social Club in Lawrence; Sonny Hurley at the Scarlet Pub in Lawrence, and "The Barretts" at PJS in North Andover.



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Basketball preview

By AL ZAPPALA

Salem, N.H. High will rely on speed, hustle and a six foot six junior, Mark Raiumikaetis, in its effort to shake last season's losing ways, while classy North Andover will use a cast of smooth veterans in its bid to continue as a state power. Here's a look at the two teams:

SALEM HIGH

This year's version of the Salem, N.H. High School Blue Devils basketball team features a swift, ball-hawking quintet that will be exciting to watch.

Although decimated by graduation, Coach Bill Kress hopes to improve last season's 9-11 mark.

"Graduation did hurt us as far as height and rebounding go—we're losing 6-6 Tim Dalton, 6-3 Bill Hogan, and 6-3 Tony Jacobelli, as well as our guard Don Jurley."

Then why the optimism?

"We have a fine group of sophomores, juniors and seniors who will definitely help this year. Bob Kelly, a 6-1 guard, is our captain this season and our only returning starter. Steve Mazelewski probably will fill a forward slot and help with the rebounding."

What about the other positions?

"All up for grabs. We had a tremendous freshman team last season 16-0, and the boys we're looking closely at are Larry Douglas, who averaged over 30 points a game, Brian Thomson, a 5-11 forward, Chuck Kelly, a 5-11 swing man and Mike Hogen, a tough, 5-11 bruiser."

Can you win with sophomores?

"Well, we still have our juniors. We have a boy, 6-6 Mark Raiumikaetis, who can score and rebound and a bunch of others including Timmy Frazier, a 6-1 forward who performed well as a jayvee and Eric Kooke, a 6-3 forward."

Also vying for spots on the club will be 6-2 Al Speziali and a pair of six-foot guards Jeff Young and Tom Ruffen.

"Offensively, because of our size, we have to run the fast break but if necessary we will set things up. We are relying on Kelly to provide that offensive punch."

How about the league?

"We're up against two teams this year that both have 6-10 pivot men, Nashua and



NORTH ANDOVER co-captains Andy Breen (left) and Will Huttley. (DANA CAHOON PHOTO)

Spaulding, so something's got to break. And there's Methuen, a veteran ball club that will give people fits this year."

NORTH ANDOVER

What can a team that has never lost a regular season game in its conference; finished last season with a 21-2 record and reached the Eastern Mass Division II finals do for an encore?

"As far as I am concerned, this team will be as good if not better than last year's team that reached the Tech Finals."

This optimistic outlook comes from Bob Licare, the veteran North Andover basketball coach.

"Last season we won the Cape Ann championship in what people called a rebuilding year. We're only losing three people from that team so, as far as experience goes, we are in good shape."

The Scarlet Knights' hopes rest this year on the shooting and rebounding abilities of three veteran players-co-captains Andy Breen and Will Huttley, and Licare's flashy, ball handling son, Dick.

"On paper we expect a lot. Andy Breen, a 6-4 center, was all league as a junior, as was Will Huttley, a 6-1 forward who can shoot with the best in the

area. Dick Licare also does a fine job as field general."

The rest of the team seems almost as experienced as the top three.

"Bill St. Cyr, a 6-4 forward with a nose for the ball, and Kevin Smith, a 5-9 guard, will probably round out the top five. Also due to see plenty of action are Tommy Enright and Jerry Gordon, a pair of six foot guards."

Added to this talent is an outstanding crop of players from last year's jayvees.

As the saying goes, "The man's loaded."

How about the league?

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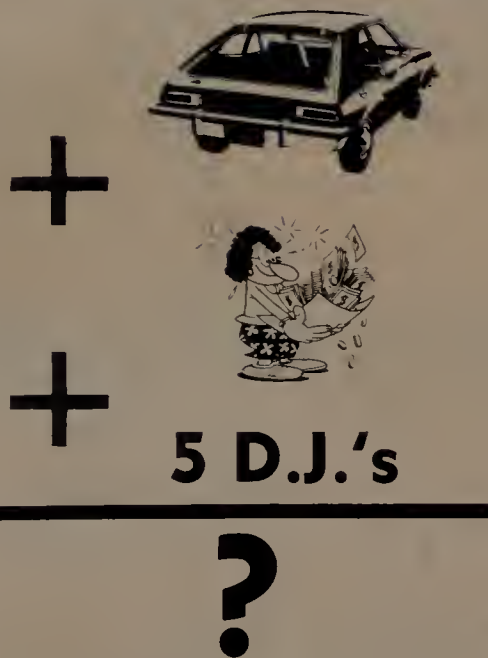
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